(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Mumbai High Court has also directed to seal the unauthorized and unapproved educational institutions; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken, so far, on the High Court direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Government have received few letters from Members of Parliament regarding illegal courses offered by IIPM for MBA/BBA. The AICTE has issued show cause notice to the Indian Institute of Planning and Management and placed the name of the above institution in the list of unapproved technical institutions running technical courses without approval of AICTE. The Council has also advised the students by issuing Public Notices to look into the approval status of institutions before taking admission. The IIPM has filed a writ petition before Hon'ble Delhi High Court challenging the Show Cause Notice issued by the AICTE. The matter is *sub judice*.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay has directed the Government of Maharashtra to take necessary action to seal/close down unapproved technical institutions. The institutions conducting technical education programmes without AICTE approval have been issued show cause notices as to why action should not be taken for conducting such programmes. These Institutions were also advised to seek AICTE approval or close down these programmes. A list of unapproved institutions are also placed in AICTE website for information to the students and the general public. Based on the responses received to the show cause notices, necessary actions are being initiated against defaulting institutions.

Development of polytechnic education

2791. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether polytechnic education across the country is set to get a big boost during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, with 65 institutes proposed to be established across the country and provision of a one time grant of Rs. 12 crore per institute and giving 177 existing polytechnics funds for infrastructure upgradation;

(b) whether All India Council for Technical Education has also proposed to allow double shifts in the institutes and ease land requirement for new institutes by 50 per cent; and

(c) whether Government are considering to provide teachers to these institutions which are facing a great shortage at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government has initiated a scheme to provide one time financial assistance of Rs. 12.3 crore for

establishment of 65 new polytechnics in the country and also by providing financial assistance for upgradation of infrastructural facilities in 177 existing polytechnics. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has permitted double shifts in those diploma level institutions where adequate infrastructure, faculty and other facilities are available. AICTE has also relaxed the norms for land requirement for establishment of diploma level institutes by fifty per cent. In order to meet the shortage of teachers in the polytechnics, the faculty student ratio has been reduced from 1: 15 to 1 :20.

Allocations for higher education

2792. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the department of higher education has put hold to the allocations amounting to Rs. 3,164 crore on account of the apex court's stay order on quota;

(b) whether the department of higher education was allocated Rs. 6,483 crore in the Budget 2007-08 of which Rs. 3,164 crore was to implement the recommendations of the Veerappa Moily Committee;

(c) whether the Ministry has to decide the financial issues and also the Ministry of Finance is reconsidering levying the 1 per cent additional cess for secondary and higher education; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 6483 crores has been allocated for Higher Education, out of which Rs. 3275.00 crores has been earmarked for implementation of the Oversight Committee recommendations for infrastructure development in Central Educational Institutions. However, the reservation in admission for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) has been stayed by the Apex Court.

(c) The Government has already decided to levy 1% additional cess for secondary and higher education during 2007-08.

(d) It is not possible to give any specific timeframe in which the Apex court may decide the matter.

Sexual harassment at Delhi University

2793. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken cognizance of the delay being caused by the Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi, in taking action on the recommendations of Sexual Harassment Committee, which submitted its report to VC in June last;

(b) whether it is a fact that the victims and a witness of the sexual harassment case are being harassed in many ways; and